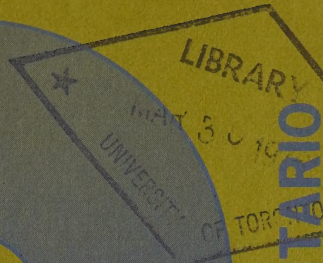


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## TEMPORARY ABSENCE PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES:

One type of Temporary Absence from a correctional institution in Ontario allows an individual serving a sentence to work in the community, returning each evening to the institution. He is still subject to institutional controls and is able to continue to receive counsel at the institution. The fact that he is able to earn and pay taxes, contribute to his family's income, repay debts, and pay towards his keep at the institution, not only increases his own self-respect; it is also to society's benefit.

### How employment temporary absence operates

A sentenced offender who has an offer of employment makes application for the program. If his application is successful, he will be transferred to the institution closest to the work location.

*The prospective employee* must provide information on:

- the hours of work — shift work and overtime are acceptable
- the expected wages — which must be standard for the job
- his previous experience in the work

- the means by which he will travel between the job and the institution — normally this is by public transportation, but use of his car is permitted if his licence is valid

*The employer* completes an employer agreement form undertaking to:

- pay standard wages
- give advance notice of overtime
- report absences from duty
- make required deductions

*The institution*, in evaluating the application, takes account of:

- the needs and ability of the applicant
- the requirements of the employer
- the positive value of the particular employment
- institutional program priorities
- the interests of society

*Temporary Absences are less likely to be granted where there is a history of assault, arson, drug trafficking, alcoholism, or escaping custody.*

The following figures represent the monthly cumulative total of all approved and active TA applications during one recent month: (These figures do not include approved and active Extended TAs in Industrial Programs at Guelph C. C. and Maplehurst C. C., in Residential Training Programs at the House of Concord or in Community Resource Centres.)



Employment	261
Educational	114
6—15 day	3
1— 5 day	706
Monthly Cumulative total of active applications	1084*

*\*This figure includes some applications which have been granted for different reasons to the same person, e.g. an employment interview, a home visit, and a job would each be recorded separately.*

This total includes TAs approved in previous months and still active.

Legislation permitting temporary absence came into effect in August 1969. The first TAP application was approved on September 13, 1969. By March 31, 1975 approximately 6 years after inception:

- 51,254 applications were submitted
- 29,512 of these were granted

**Temporary absence for employment provides for graduated steps from the institution towards full community release:**

- it permits a progression from institutional controls and programs to various combinations of institutional, community and work experience
- it enables the offender to resume the normal responsibilities of citizenship, thus restoring his self-respect and increasing his prospects for rehabilitation

- it provides public-spirited employers with the opportunity to assist in this process of rehabilitation.

## EXTENDED TA

Recent provisions for Extended Temporary Absence beyond the former 1- to 15-day limit enables selected inmates to take part in industrial-employment TA programs within institutions — such as Guelph C. C. and Maplehurst C. C. — and to reside in more open community settings such as the House of Concord and Community Resource Centres. Increased working, earning, and learning possibilities are thus provided.

Participants in the Extended TA Program are not yet included in the above statistics.

If you are interested in obtaining further information about this program, or if you have work opportunities presently available for those in our care, please telephone or write to the Superintendent of the institution in your area, or to one of the following:

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Patrick O'Neill  
*Assistant Coordinator*

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## NORTHERN REGION

**Correctional & Adult Training Centres**  
 Monteith Adult Training Centre  
 Monteith Correctional Centre  
 Valgagne 2521  
 Thunder Bay Adult Training Centre  
 Thunder Bay Correctional Centre  
 (807) 577-8401

### Provincial Jails

Fort Frances Jail (807) 274-5771  
 Haileybury Jail (705) 672-3701  
 Kenora Jail (807) 468-8125  
 North Bay Jail (705) 472-8115  
 Parry Sound Jail (705) 746-5631  
 Sault Ste. Marie Jail (705) 254-7441  
 Sudbury Jail (705) 674-3151  
 Thunder Bay Jail (807) 345-6721

## WESTERN REGION

### Provincial Jails

Brantford Jail (519) 752-5459  
 Chatham Jail (519) 352-0150  
 Guelph Jail (519) 822-2650  
 Kitchener Jail (519) 745-5647  
 London Jail (519) 434-1638  
 Niagara Regional Detention Centre  
 (416) 227-6321  
 Sarnia Jail (519) 337-3261  
 Simcoe Jail (519) 426-2104  
 St. Thomas Jail (519) 631-3372  
 Stratford Jail (519) 271-2180  
 Windsor Jail (519) 254-2891  
 Woodstock Jail (519) 537-2411

### Correctional & Adult Training Centres

Burtch Adult Training Centre  
 Burtch Correctional Centre  
 (519) 484-2421  
 Glendale Adult Training Centre  
 (519) 426-3561  
 Guelph Correctional Centre  
 (519) 822-0020  
 Guelph Assessment and Treatment Unit  
 (519) 822-0020

## CENTRAL REGION

### Correctional & Adult Training Centres

Ontario Correctional Institute  
 (416) 457-7057  
 Brampton Adult Training Centre  
 (416) 451-5580  
 Mimico Correctional Centre  
 (416) 255-0131  
 Maplehurst Adult Training Centre  
 Maplehurst Correctional Centre  
 (416) 878-8141  
 Vanier Centre for Women  
 (416) 459-9100

### Provincial Jails

Barrie Jail (705) 728-3933  
 Brampton Jail (416) 457-5260  
 Hamilton Jail (416) 527-2261  
 Milton Jail (416) 878-2331  
 Orangeville Jail (519) 941-3880  
 Owen Sound Jail (519) 376-0435  
 Toronto Jail (416) 466-2164  
 Walkerton Jail (519) 881-3442

## EASTERN REGION

### Correctional & Adult Training Centres

Millbrook Correctional Centre  
 (705) 932-2624  
 Rideau Adult Training Centre  
 Rideau Correctional Centre  
 (613) 269-4748

### Provincial Jails

Brockville Jail (613) 342-1456  
 Cobourg Jail (416) 372-7432  
 Cornwall Jail (613) 932-5720  
 Lindsay Jail (705) 324-3792  
 L'Original Jail (613) 675-4644  
 Ottawa-Carleton Regional Detention  
 Centre (613) 824-6080  
 Pembroke Jail (613) 732-2561  
 Perth Jail (613) 267-4303  
 Peterborough Jail (705) 743-7331  
 Quinte Regional Detention Centre  
 (613) 354-2171  
 Whitby Jail (416) 668-7791



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